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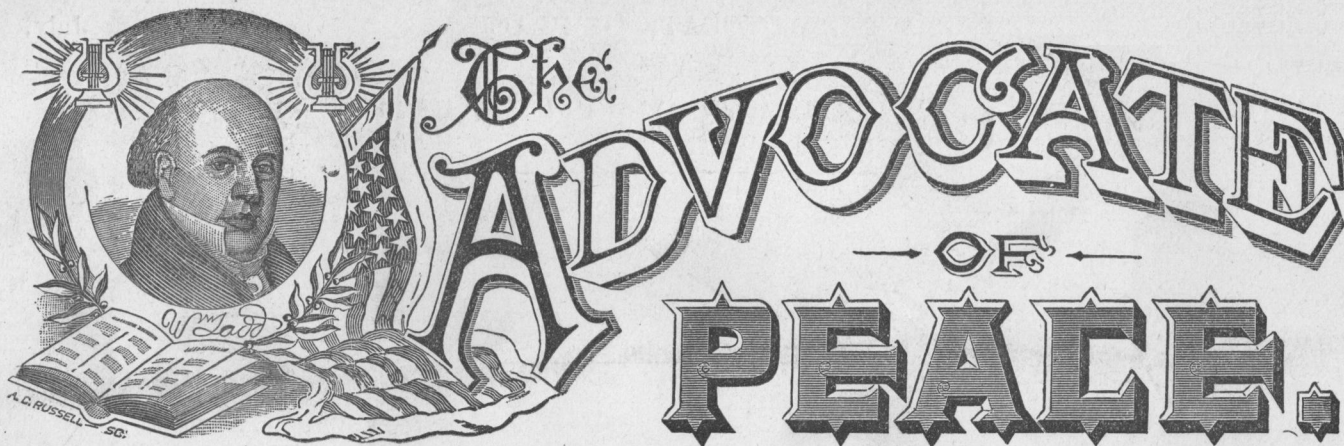
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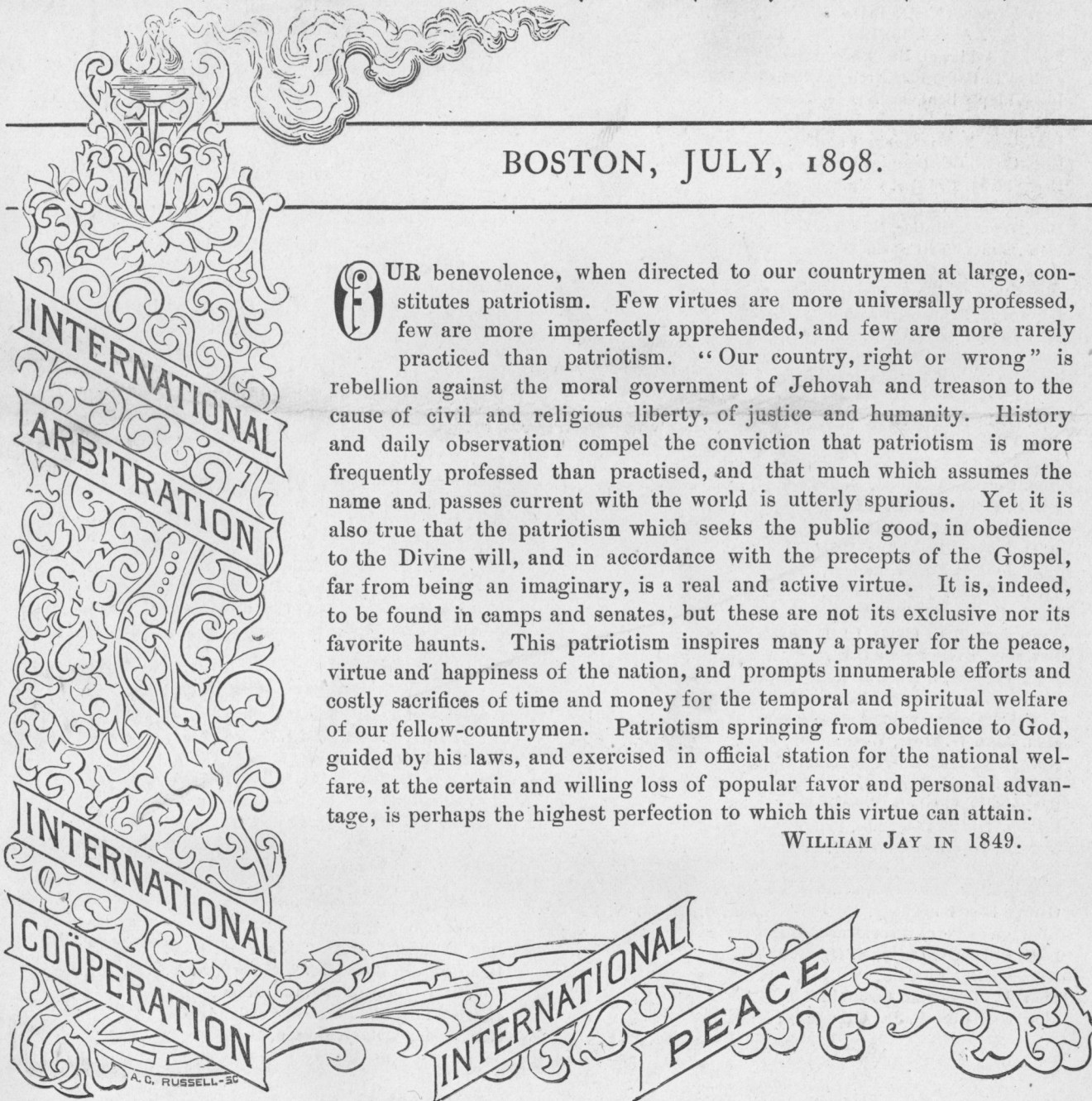
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**O**UR benevolence, when directed to our countrymen at large, constitutes patriotism. Few virtues are more universally professed, few are more imperfectly apprehended, and few are more rarely practiced than patriotism. "Our country, right or wrong" is rebellion against the moral government of Jehovah and treason to the cause of civil and religious liberty, of justice and humanity. History and daily observation compel the conviction that patriotism is more frequently professed than practised, and that much which assumes the name and passes current with the world is utterly spurious. Yet it is also true that the patriotism which seeks the public good, in obedience to the Divine will, and in accordance with the precepts of the Gospel, far from being an imaginary, is a real and active virtue. It is, indeed, to be found in camps and senates, but these are not its exclusive nor its favorite haunts. This patriotism inspires many a prayer for the peace, virtue and happiness of the nation, and prompts innumerable efforts and costly sacrifices of time and money for the temporal and spiritual welfare of our fellow-countrymen. Patriotism springing from obedience to God, guided by his laws, and exercised in official station for the national welfare, at the certain and willing loss of popular favor and personal advantage, is perhaps the highest perfection to which this virtue can attain.

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## Becoming a Great Power.

From much that has been recently said one would imagine that the United States has hitherto been one of the weakest, most unknown and most insignificant nations on the face of the globe. We have suddenly become a great power, it is said. We have just become self-conscious. We are putting off our swaddling clothes. We are crawling out of our isolation. Providence has forced us out of our shell. Henceforth the world is to know that there is such a place as the United States. We are to have hereafter a hand in all the world's affairs.

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whose utterances the greatest powers of the Old World stood uncovered with the utmost respect. What would have been thought of these recent prattings by the men who went after the Barbary pirates, or the men who chased the Mexicans towards Mexico City, or those who discovered the Sandwich Islands and opened the ports of China and Japan to the commerce of the world? What would the many ministers and consuls, now deceased, who have represented us in all quarters of the globe and seen the stars and stripes everywhere respected as the symbol of a new civilization, or the long line of statesmen and distinguished citizens who have declared for a hundred years that the mission of America was to show a new order of greatness to the world—what would all these have thought and felt if they had been told that just at the end of the century their descendants and successors, on the occasion of the destruction of a weak and antiquated fleet by a small contingent of American vessels, would have been shouting and writing that hitherto the United States has been a baby weakling practically unknown and unfelt in the world, that just now, while at war with a decaying, helpless country, for the first time she has come to a consciousness of her strength and her world-wide mission?

These utterances would be worthy of no attention were not the situation so serious and were they not indulged in by many of the leading men and a large number of journals both secular and religious, of which one might expect something different.

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